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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its fortieth session at United Nations Headquarters from 24 to 27 February 2009. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2009/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 24 February 2009, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Pali Lehohla (South Africa)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Jean-Philippe Cotis (France)
Iwan Sno (Suriname)
Igor Uliyanov (Russian Federation)

Rapporteur:
Ali Bin Mahboob bin Hassan (Oman)

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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 24 February 2009, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2009/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   (a) Programme review: climate change and official statistics;
   (b) Agricultural statistics;
   (c) Energy statistics;
   (d) Environmental-economic accounting;
   (e) National accounts;
   (f) Social statistics;
   (g) Health statistics;
   (h) Education statistics;
   (i) Employment statistics;
   (j) Gender statistics;
   (k) International Comparison Programme;
   (l) Regional statistical development in Asia and the Pacific;
   (m) Development indicators.
4. Items for information:
   (a) Population and housing censuses;
   (b) Business registers;
   (c) Information and communications technology statistics;
   (d) Price statistics;
   (e) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;
   (f) Statistical capacity-building;
   (g) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;
   (h) Human settlements statistics;
   (i) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions.
5. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).
6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-first session of the Commission.
7. Report of the Commission on its fortieth session.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the organization of work of the session (E/CN.3/2009/L.1), as orally revised.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers at its fortieth session: the Economic and Statistical Observatory for Sub-Saharan Africa (AFRISTAT); the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; the Bank for International Settlements; and the Pacific Community.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its fortieth session are listed in annex ____ to the present report.